

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A flavor active compound ~~obtainable~~obtained by ~~subjecting~~reacting one or more peptides selected from the group consisting of Arg-Phe, Ala-Glu, Glu-Ala, Val-Ala, Phe-Glu, Thr-Leu, Tyr-Val, Val-Tyr, Pro-Val, Asp-Ala, Ala-Asp, Trp-Ala, Ala-Asp, Trp-Ala, Phe-Ala, Ala-Phe, Tyr-Ala, Ala-Tyr, Lys-Glu, Lys-Phe, Val-Lys, Val-Phe, Leu-Leu, and Met-Tyr together and at least one reducing sugar to a Maillard reaction with reducing sugars under conditions sufficient to form the flavor active compound.

Claim 2 (withdrawn): The compound according to claim 1, obtainable from the dipeptides Leu-Leu, Val-Tyr, Tyr-Val, Ala-Phe or Ala-Asp.

Claim 3 (withdrawn): The compound according to claim 1, obtainable from the dipeptides Val-Phe or Val-Lys.

Claim 4 (withdrawn): The compound according to claim 1, obtainable from the dipeptides Met-Tyr or Pro-Val.

Claim 5 (original): The compound according to claim 1, wherein the reducing sugars include fructose, glucose, xylose, maltose, lactose, fucose, arabinose, galactose or rhamnose.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): A food product, cosmetic product or pharmaceutical product containing a flavor effective amount of a flavor active compound according to claim 1.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): The product of claim 6, in the form of a food product which comprises chocolate, milk, yogurt, pudding, ice cream, a beverage, baby food, a prepared food, or a pet food.

Claim 8 (original): A process for preparing a flavor which comprises subjecting one or more peptides selected from the group consisting of Arg-Phe, Ala-Glu, Glu-Ala, Val-Ala, Phe-Glu, Thr-Leu, Tyr-Val, Val-Tyr, Pro-Val, Asp-Ala, Ala-Asp, Trp-Ala, Ala-Asp, Trp-Ala, Phe-Ala, Ala-Phe, Tyr-Ala, Ala-Tyr, Lys-Glu, Lys-Phe, Val-Lys, Val-Phe, Leu-Leu, and Met-Tyr to a Maillard reaction with reducing sugars under conditions sufficient to form the flavor.

Claim 9 (original): The process according to claim 8, wherein the reducing sugars comprise fructose, glucose, xylose, maltose, lactose, fucose, arabinose, galactose or rhamnose.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): The process according to claim 8, wherein a chocolate flavor is obtained by subjecting one or more peptides selected from the group consisting of Leu-Leu, Val-Tyr, Tyr-Val, Ala-Phe, Ala-Asp, Val-Phe, Val-Lys, Leu-Leu and Val-Tyr to the Maillard reaction with the reducing sugars under conditions sufficient to produce the chocolate flavor.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): The process according to claim 8, wherein a cocoa flavor is obtained by subjecting one or more peptides selected from the group consisting of Leu-Leu, Val-Tyr, Tyr-Val, Ala-Phe or Ala-Asp to the Maillard reaction with the reducing sugars under conditions sufficient to produce the cocoa flavor.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): The process according to claim 8, wherein a caramel flavor is obtained by subjecting peptides selected from the group consisting of Val-Phe or Val-Lys to the Maillard reaction with the reducing sugars under conditions sufficient to produce the caramel flavor.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The process according to claim 8, wherein a bready flavor is obtained by subjecting peptides selected from the group consisting of Phe-Val or Lys-Glu to the Maillard reaction with the reducing sugars under conditions sufficient to produce the bready flavor.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The process according to claim 8, wherein a meat flavor is obtained by subjecting Met-Tyr to the Maillard reaction with the reducing sugars under conditions sufficient to produce the meat flavor.

Claim 15 (withdrawn): The process according to claim 8, wherein the flavor is added to a food product, cosmetic product or pharmaceutical product.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): The process according to claim 15, in the form or a food product which comprises chocolate, milk, yogurt, pudding, ice cream, a beverage, baby food, a prepared food, or a pet food.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A flavor active compound ~~obtainable~~ obtained by ~~subjecting-reacting~~ Arg-Phe to a Maillard reaction with fructose in a Maillard reaction under conditions sufficient to form the flavor active compound.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): A food product containing a flavor effective amount of a flavor active compound according to claim 17.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): The product of claim 18, which includes chocolate.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A process for preparing the flavor active compound of claim 17 which comprises subjecting Arg-Phe to a Maillard reaction with fructose under conditions sufficient to form the flavor.